

DEPARTMENTAL WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

CAREERS OF SOME OF UNCLE SAM'S CLERKS

The Man Who Has Built Up the Museum of the Agricultural Department—Prof. Moore's Cooling Machine. Head of the Local Detective Force.

Col. Nathaniel Sh. Swell, curator of the museum of the Agricultural Department, is one of the older employees of the department, and he has had a career of interest in few people working for the Government. He has charge of a popular feature of the department and has brought it up to a high standard. The agricultural museum visited by a large and increasing number of people and it never fails to interest and instruct. Colonel Shatswell has brought the collection from a very humble beginning to its present complete and attractive proportions. He takes great pride in the work and gives it his closest attention.

Colonel Shatswell had an interesting and important part in the great civil war. He was an early volunteer in the Massachusetts contingent and was in at the last. Although his regiment was for the first years of its service on garrison duty about the Capitol it got into the field in time to make a gallant record and take part in one of the most memorable of the battles of the war. The regiment was ranked as one of the 300 regiments that were known particularly as fighting regiments, and although in the field but a brief time took fourteenth place in the rank of loss in action. This was the First Massachusetts Regiment of heavy artillery, numbering at the first about 1,300 men.

Colonel Shatswell enlisted in the artillery as a first lieutenant and was subsequently in every line position, coming out at the end of the war as colonel of the regiment. He was a good soldier and a fine officer and is greatly liked by his old comrades. He is an enthusiastic member of the soldiers organizations and frequently is called on to make addresses at the gatherings of veterans.

The last engagement of the battle of Spotsylvania was the one in which the regiment got its baptism of fire. It had not been out of the fortifications long and was rushed into that terrible fight. On the last day at the Harris farm about three miles from Spotsylvania and nine miles from Fredericksburg the Massachusetts Regiment was at rest, after some lively work. An order came for the First Battalion to deploy on the skirmish line. The six companies scattered through the woods and suddenly were against a line of Confederates under General Ewell.

The splendid force of Ewell cut up the Massachusetts regiment fearfully, and in a few minutes 350 of the members of the heavy artillery were either dead or mortally wounded. Colonel Shatswell was in command during most of the fight. The first commander of the regiment was Colonel, afterward General, Tyler. This fight occurred on May 19, 1864. The command saw heavy service until mustered out.

On May 19 of last year there was a large gathering of veterans at the Harris farm to unveil a monument to the 300 men who fell there in the battle of Spotsylvania. It was a great occasion, and there were many Confederate veterans on hand. The people of the community entertained the survivors of the Massachusetts regiment royally. There were several hundred of them present, a large command coming from Boston. One of the speeches was made by Mr. C. B. Watson, a Confederate veteran who was in the fight. He told of how fierce a fight the Massachusetts men put up, and mentioned a circumstance which shows the curious workings of the mind in times of stress. He said he got close enough to see that the men had on clean white shirts, a decidedly novel occurrence about that time. The monument unveiled stands on the battle ground, and is dedicated to the memory of Thomas H. Harris, present owner of the farm.

Some of Prof. Willis Moore's cooling machines have been put in offices at the Agricultural Department. This invention of Prof. Moore is a decided novelty, and seems destined to be part of the equipment of hospitals and large offices in the future. The largest one yet made is in the office of the chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and it dispenses cold air in large volumes. The invention is simply one to utilize air by forcing it through ice.

Capt. Robert H. Boardman, Chief of Detectives, is one of the most remarkable men in the Government service. The head of the detective system of the Capital City of the greatest nation of the earth must of necessity be one of the best of his kind, and those who know the captain are convinced that he is one of the best detectives in the world. The place is one of the greatest responsibility, requiring professional and business ability of the highest order, tact, patience and capacity for hard work. Possessing these characteristics to an eminent degree, this officer well fills the position he has reached from the ranks.

Captain Boardman commenced work on the Metropolitan Police Force about sixteen years ago as a private. He was so efficient on the beat and showed such ability that he was soon promoted, and before he had been in the service long was transferred to the detective force. He was not long in becoming a sergeant. Three years ago he became chief of the force. As chief he is popular with his subordinates and with the people generally. He has brought the force to a high standard of proficiency, and it is readily conceded to be one of the best in the country. The men are held to strict account for their dealings with the Government and their relations with the people of the United States.

Captain Boardman, perhaps, works longer every day than any other man in the employ of the Government in the District. He gets to the office at 8 o'clock every day, in the week, calls the roll at 9, remains in the office until 5 p. m., goes out for an hour and then returns to remain until 9. This program has scarcely been varied since he has been Chief. All this time he is very busy with the multifarious duties and emergencies of the position. The captain is a native and life-long resident of the District of Columbia, and is a middle-aged man with a family. He is not the detective of the stories in any sense, but simply and eminently a plain American citizen with good sense, a high regard for duty and a thorough training for difficult work.

Captain Boardman is absolutely devoid of the spectacular and is as different from the heroes of the detective stories as it is possible to be. He never poses and out of uniform would look the busy lawyer or successful business man. He is a man of the most pleasant manners and has a remarkable happy facility in handling people. The duties of his position are trying and are of the sort that has made many a man misanthropic, discontented and disagreeable, but he is uniformly cool and dispassionate. There is no limit to the vexation of the place and from early morning to late at night he hears the complaints of thousands. All the cranks who visit the seat of government with their schemes and troubles are referred to him and he sometimes handles dozens of them in a day. The most absurd demands are made on his time and curious requests are as common as sunrise. This is the stern center of cranks.

Furthermore, Captain Boardman is familiar with criminals and their ways and has stored in his head the characteristics and practices of thousands of criminals. Several times the chief has turned out on difficult cases, bringing all his skill and knowledge into use. In the Bonine case he went out with his men and made the hardest sort of a campaign to get at the bottom facts in the murder of Ayres. In the Dennis case he again went out on the trail and did several days' hard work on that elusive, mysterious case. He believes that puzzle will ultimately be solved, and unlike many officials has never despaired of having the mystery cleared.

John L. Paine, of New York, and John H. Jamison, of Indiana, two of the most efficient clerks in the Department of the Interior, have been given promotions as a reward for conspicuous ability and faithfulness. They are in the Pension Office.

Mr. Alexander Foster, of the stationery division of the General Land Office, is one of the favorites with all the people in the office. He is an experienced man in the handling of the enormous stationery supply of the division and has won the esteem of all the officials and clerks.

Miss Juliet B. Miller, one of the efficient clerks in the office of the Surgeon General of the War Department, has been promoted in recognition of her valuable aid in the difficult work of the office. Miss Miller was appointed a few years ago from Missouri.

The letter carriers of the United States evidently feel deeply the loss of Hon. Amos J. Cummings, who was for a long time their most conspicuous champion. In a late issue of the "Postal Record" there are resolutions from ten States on the subject, including California and Louisiana. A Cummings statue will be erected somewhere by the carriers.

Mr. A. D. Talbert, of South Carolina, a clerk in the Census Office, is from the historic county of Edgefield, the home of politicians and orators. In the present campaign in South Carolina Edgefield has three candidates for governor. One of them is Hon. W. J. Talbert, an uncle of the census clerk.

Robert Dickson, colored, is one of the oldest firemen in the District, and he has been through some rough experiences. He is a splendid fireman and a general favorite. He is thoroughly appreciated by the fire and police officials and is popular with the people generally. He is one of the colored men who has saved his money and he is well fixed and is respected by all.

Dickson is now connected with No. 2 and is still an alert and effective fireman. He has filled every position in a company connected with the work of fire fighting and is an all round expert. He was at the memorable Knox warehouse fire a few years ago and helped to rescue some of the men imprisoned by a falling wall.

He has been in the Fire Department for twenty-nine years.

Mr. Hiram M. McCalmott, of Pennsylvania, who has been in the Pension Office for several years, has been promoted. He occupies an important position and is generally considered one of the main reliances of the office.

Mr. W. Floyd Mutchler, who has been in the Government Printing Office for the past few years, has gone to the Postoffice Department. He resigned from the printing office a few weeks ago and is now in the rural free delivery service. He has been in the third division, from which there were five resignations last year of those who had secured positions in the postoffice and other departments. Mr. Mutchler was born and reared in Pennsylvania and is a bright and worthy young man.

The Southern clerks in one of the departments were talking the other day of the heroic figures in their respective States. A Georgian told anew the story of Nancy Hart, the militant pioneer of one side of the Empire State of the South. This brave woman, fought bears, wolves, Indians and Tories in their turn and added numbers of slain to her list all the time. She ran a trading station and assisted in opening a part of the State now one of its finest portions. The county of Hart was named in her honor. She was a stout-hearted woman but tender-hearted as well and was never known to quarrel or to shirk any duty. The name of Nancy Hart has been abundantly used by the woman suffragists who have invaded the South. They hold her up as an eminent example of woman's power of leadership in any condition of society.

Fire was discovered about 2 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of A. T. Carrico, 1370 C Street southwest, and an alarm from box 417 brought several fire engines and the reserve from the Fourth precinct station to the scene. The flames started in some unaccountable manner in the kitchen and had gained considerable headway when the firemen got to work. Mr. Carrico's family were awakened by the smoke and escaped without injury. About \$200 damage was done the house and furniture. The property is owned by W. T. Walker.

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ATLANTIC CITY WILL HAVE HORSE SHOW

Everything in Readiness for Opening Tomorrow.

ATLANTIC CITY, July 14.—Several hundred blooded horses are in transit for this city. They are the exhibits which have been entered in the Horse Show, which opens tomorrow. Some of the horses arrived yesterday, many more arrived today, and all of them will be here tomorrow.

Traps of all kinds are coming in by the train-load. The social element, visiting and resident, are preparing for the event and will take an active part in making it a success.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, who are at the Marlborough, will be present. Attorney General and Mrs. Knox will have boxes, and Mr. and Mrs. Rad Parr, the Baltimore social leaders, will be regulars. Miss Agnes Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bromley, of Philadelphia, and a number of the leading social maids and dames of Philadelphia and New York are going to be prominent on the grounds.

SKINNED ALIVE TO SAVE A BOY'S LIFE

Railroad Brakeman Suffers for Sake of Lad.

Has Already Had One Hundred and Six Pieces of Cuticle Taken From His Body.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 14.—Michael Hennessey, a railroad brakeman and a victim of the Sheridan disaster, is being skinned alive at the Homeopathic Hospital here to furnish material for a skin-grafting operation that is being performed on the left leg of an eight-year-old boy, also a victim of the disaster.

Hennessey has so far contributed 166 large pieces of cuticle to the boy, who, it is believed, will recover.

Hennessey says he will continue to furnish all the cuticle necessary. He is regarded as a hero.

MADDENED HOG GIVES FARMER FIERCE BATTLE

Beaten Into Insensibility Before Attack Ceased.

TRENTON, N. J., July 14.—As the result of a fierce battle with a giant hog, Edward Austin, president of the Austin Lumber Company, is laid up at his home in Windsor township, near this city. Mr. Austin is in business here, but resides on a farm. He was badly bitten about the legs and arms by the savage hog, and but for the timely intervention of two farm laborers he would have probably lost his life.

The hog apparently became very hungry, and, after raising a rumpus in the pen, finally broke through and made a dash for a truck patch some yards away. Mr. Austin was in the barn yard, and undertook to head off the porker. He gave the animal some heavy clips with a stout sapling, but this only enraged it the more, and it made a savage attack on Mr. Austin.

Seizing him by the leg with its teeth, it threw him to the ground and proceeded to sink its teeth into his arms and legs in many places. Austin's cries for help brought the farm laborers to the scene, and they climbed the mad-dened hog until it fell in its tracks. Iron rings were placed in its snout, and it was led back to the pen. The physicians announce that, while Mr. Austin will likely be laid up for many weeks, there is no danger of the bites proving fatal.

LEAKY OIL BARGES.

River Below New Orleans Undrinkable —Complaint Entered.

NEW ORLEANS, July 14.—Dr. V. D. Shayot, health officer of Plaquemine Parish, came to New Orleans to enter complaint before the State board of health against the leaky barges being used in the oil trade. Previous complaints were to the effect that the oyster, shrimp, and fish were suffering from leaking oil, getting an odor from it which made them unpalatable.

Dr. Shayot's complaint is far more serious. He says that the leakage has increased so much of late that the river water below New Orleans cannot be used for drinking purposes, and, as the cisterns have all run dry in consequence of the prolonged drought, the people are compelled to take river water. To get water fit to drink they are obliged to go to the middle of the Mississippi and let down their buckets.

The rice planters are also injuriously affected, as they cannot safely use the river water for irrigating their rice crops.

SMASHED BY MILLIONAIRE.

Poor Farmer Well Paid for His Wagon by Seward Webb.

RUTLAND, Vt., July 14.—Dr. W. Seward Webb's special train on the Rutland road smashed Joseph Reed's wagon to atoms Thursday, tossed Reed and a companion a rod or two, but did not do them any bodily harm.

After the accident Dr. Webb backed up his special, expressed his regret for the mishap, and gave Reed a check that would cover the cost of his wagon ten times over. Reed is a poor farmer.

LOCAL MENTION.

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BIG WORK OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Nearly Fifty Thousand Applicants Examined.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND FAILED

Of the 166 People Examined for the District of Columbia Service Only 49 Passed—Tests for Professional and Scientific Places Difficult.

In the annual report of the Chief Examiner to the Civil Service Commission of the work performed in his office during the year ended June 30, 1901, it is shown that 48,698 competitors were examined. Of 21,028 for the departmental branch 15,779 passed and 5,249 failed; of 3,433 for the customs houses, 2,855 passed and 577 failed; of 449 for the internal revenue offices, 252 passed and 197 failed; of 1,709 for the force of the Public Printer, 1,554 passed and 155 failed, and of the 20,991 for appointment in the different classified postoffices, 12,749 passed and 8,242 failed.

Of the 252 persons already in the classified service who were examined for transfer, 173 passed and 79 failed. Of the 521 persons examined for promotion, 158 passed and 363 failed. Of a total of 48,693 persons who were examined for the classified service, either for original appointments, promotion, or transfer, 33,321 passed and 14,572 failed.

Of the 166 examined for the District of Columbia service, 49 passed and 117 failed; and of the 429 examined for service under the Philippine Commission 189 passed and 270 failed. This is an increase of more than 4 per cent over the total number examined in the previous year, which was 46,002. During the past year less than 70 per cent of those examined passed, while during the previous year slightly more than 70 per cent were successful.

During the last six or seven years the number of appointments through examination has increased from about 4,000 to more than 10,000 per annum, and the number of classified positions from a little over 30,000 to about 100,000. In that time no additional help has been granted by Congress to meet this demand.

On June 30, 1901, there were 1,358 separate boards. During the year sixty-three new boards of examiners have been organized, instructed, and furnished with the full and necessary equipment. The magnitude of the work connected with the reviewing and approval of applications will be apparent from the fact that during the year the number of applications received for approval averaged more than 1,145 per week, or a total of 59,552.

During the year examinations were prepared under 230 distinct titles. Of these, 213 included specific tests of either professional, scientific, technical, or general education, and 237 were what are known as registration, or experienced examinations.

Of the 5,121 persons examined for professional, etc., positions in the departmental branch, 1,526 passed. Of the 7,948 whose examinations comprised tests in general intelligence and education, 6,675 passed. Of the 7,954 persons who completed in the registration examinations, 7,187 passed.

On July 1, 1900, there were 8,738 sets of unmarked papers on hand. During the year the Commission's examiners at Washington rated 45,029 sets of examination papers, and on June 30, 1901, there were on hand unmarked 7,832 sets.

LANSBURGH & BRO.

Store Closes at 5 o'clock—Saturdays Excepted.

July Specials in Upholstery Dept.

Ruffled Curtains.

Plain Swiss Ruffled Cur- 59c

tain, 80c value, for

Plain Swiss Ruffled Cur- 75c

tain, 95c value, for

Coin Spot Swiss Ruffled 1.15

Curtains, \$1.59 value, for